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SUBJECT: MBFR: TABLING OF NATIONAL MANPOWER DATA

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- 1. FONOFF MBFR OFFICE DIRECTOR RUECKRIEGEL ADVISED US LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 28 THAT THE NEGATIVE REACTION GIVEN EARLIER (REF B) BY FRG ARMS CONTROL COMMISSIONER RUTH RE THE TABLING OF NATIONAL MANPOWER DATA HAD BEEN CONFIRMED DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY. (COMMENT: WE ASSUME RUTH SPOKE TO GENSCHER HIMSELF OR, AT A MINIMUM, WITH POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL).
- 2. RUECKRIEGEL CONTINUED THAT THE FRG HAD "REAL RESER-VATIONS" ABOUT TABLING SUCH DATA AND WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO AGREE TO ITS INTRODUCTION. HE SAID THE SECRET

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GERMAN FEARS ABOUT EMBARKING ON THIS COURSE OF ACTION WERE WELL KNOWN TO THE ALLIES. RUECKRIEGEL REFERRED TO THE INCREASING INSISTENCE BY THE EASTERN SIDE FOR SUCH DATA, NOTING THAT THE FRG DID NOT BELIEVE THE EAST WANTED TO CLEAR UP THE DISCREPANCIES. HE INDICATED THE ALLIANCE WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER WHICH ALTERNATIVE PATHS WE COULD CHOOSE TO CONTINUE THE DATA DISCUSSION.

- 3. RUECKRIEGEL SAID IT DID NOT APPEAR POSSIBLE TO ADHERE TO THE TIME SEQUENCE ENVISAGED BY THE AHG. HE SAID THAT THE WEST WAS NOT UNDER ANY TIME PRESSURE AND MUST RESIST SUCH PRESSURE BY THE EAST.
- 4. RUECKRIEGEL CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT THE ABOVE POINTS WOULD BE SENT TO THE FRG NATO DELEGATION AND PRESENTED DURING THE SPC DISCUSSION TOMORROW.STOESSEL

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